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**President Smith's Address.**

**Powerful Appeal to the Farmers to Hold Cotton for the Minimum Price Fixed by the Asheville Meeting.**

MR. EDITOR:—It is known to some of the readers of the Lancaster papers that the farmers and planters of this county were favored with an address by Mr. E. C. Smith, president of the South Carolina cotton association, on last Saturday at the court house. There was a very respectable number out to hear him, who appreciated what was said; but I wish every man and woman in the county could have heard that address. It was simply masterful and carried with it conviction to every hearer. In the first place, the speaker demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the cotton question in all its details—the amount necessary to meet the demand, the supply now on hand, the estimate of the present crop all over the south, how the same is being marketed, how the association is organized in the west, and at what price the great bulk of the cotton crop all over the country is now being held by the producers. Mr. Smith discusses the whole subject with a power of logic and eloquence that will distinguish him as an orator of the rank in the south.

He showed that the raw cotton consumed at the rate of 13,000,000 bales per annum, that the present crop will not turn over 10,000,000 bales; that the supply on hand is now about exhausted; that the cotton belt of the south has practically no competition; that the fiber of the cotton raised in India, China and other eastern countries is so coarse and brittle that it makes a very inferior fabric; that on a reasonable calculation some three or four million bales will be withheld from the market for many months to come, by producers who will hold for an advanced price, and by speculators who see the prospect of making good money. He showed that, with these conditions, and the west holding back their cotton as the south is doing, if the producers will now hold for 11 cents, here in this section, the manufacturers will be in a week or two running over the producer begging for cotton at this price, and the prospect will be that it will go to 12 or 13 cents and higher. Mr. Smith's appeal to the producers to stick together and stand firm, was most powerful and effective. He claims that cotton was the currency of the south and controlling other things. And what was pleasant and beautiful, he showed that the merchant, the banker, the manufacturer, the professional man—all were interested in putting the price of cotton to make it remunerative to the producer, and that there was no reason for antagonism between any classes in the south.

R. E. Allison.

**A Texas Horror.**

**Mother and Four Children Brutally Murdered. The Woman and her Daughter First Made Victims of the Unmentionable Crime.**

Edna, Texas, September, 28.—Mrs. A. J. Condit and four children, a daughter of 13, and three boys from 6 to 10 years old, were murdered in cold blood at their home near here today.

The mother and daughter were assaulted and their bodies brutally disfigured.

A baby about 2 years old was the only one left alive. All of them seemed to have been murdered with some blunt instrument, their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor. The girl and mother were killed in the house, the boys were killed about 100 yards away.

Mr. Condit was away working in the Rice field. A negro boy about 12 years old was ploughing in a field near the house at the time of the killing and heard the children screaming; he saw a man running after a woman who was running around the house. Being afraid to go to the house, he ran to a neighbor's and told what he had seen.

The person informed ran to the place and found the five members of the family killed. Officers were informed at once and the entire county is out in posses in search of the murderer. It is supposed there were two of them. Dogs have been sent for.

**NEGRO CHARGED WITH THE WHOLE-SALE MURDER. ARRESTED BUT MANAGES TO ESCAPE.**

Houston, Tex. September 30.—Monk Gibson, the negro arrested yesterday in connection with the murder of Mrs. A. J. Condit and her children at Edna, Texas, on Thursday, made a bold dash last night and escaped from the posses having him in charge.

S. H. Beasley, father of Mrs. Condit, issued an appeal to the people of the Edna community today. It was to the effect that the sheriff was criminally negligent in allowing Gibson to escape, and declared Beasley's intention to take the negro from the authorities when recaptured to "burn him for a week," if the people would stand by him. A large number of people shouted approval and yelled at the sheriff "why didn't you handcuff the negro?"

Sheriff Egg replied: "It's easy to ask that now, but if any of you want to make a personal matter of it, just step out from that crowd, and we will settle it now."

The only development tonight in the escape of Monk Gibson, the negro, accused of the murder of the Condit family, is the arrest of the father, mother, sisters and brothers of Gibson. Ten persons in all have been taken into custody by the officers.

**Fearful Tragedy.**

**Demented Mother Kills her Children, Seven in Number Then Takes her Own Life.**

Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 30.—Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cambridge, near here, in a fit of temporary insanity today killed her seven children with an axe, after which she placed their bodies on a bed, saturated it with coal oil and set fire to it. She then hecked her throat and then threw herself on the burning bed. Neighbors rescued her, but she was so badly burned that she died soon after she had made a confession. The oldest child was nine years of age, the youngest, a baby in arms.

Neighbors, attracted by the smoke of the burning dwelling, rushed to the rescue and found Mrs. Markham covered with blood and badly burned.

Barely able to tell her story, she at first declared the crime had been committed by a strange man, but later when the sheriff arrived she admitted that she had slain her children one by one and attempted to destroy their bodies and her own in the fire. Soon afterward she died. When the ruins of the home hooled, a confirmation of her story was had in the finding of the charred corpses, each with its skull crushed.

**Murderous Brute Cuts a Prominent Lawyer's Mother With a Razor.**

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 30.—John Mayes, a negro, this afternoon entered the residence of Mrs. Lehman Loeb, mother of Joseph Loeb, a prominent attorney of this city, and when discovered attacked Mrs. Loeb with a razor.

The negro slashed Mrs. Loeb's neck and narrowly missed the jugular vein. She is in a serious condition.

At 9 o'clock tonight several hundred indignant citizens are congregated about the county jail where Mayes is supposed to be confined. The talk of lynching him is very strong.

**Presbyterian College Will Remain at Clinton.**

Columbia, Sept. 29.—(Special to Greenville News.)—Clinton will retain the Presbyterian College. That fact was settled today after a long session lasting through almost the entire night and part of the day, and it resulted in a landslide for Clinton, with Chester second.

Five towns wanted the institution. They were Bennettsville, Chester, Sumter, Yorkville and Clinton. The trustees met last night and heard the petitions and arguments from the various delegations, and while all were seemingly hopeful the delegation from Clinton was always certain that the big Presbyterian college of the State would remain at that town. And that is what happened.

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**Head Crushed.**

**Frightful Condition of Young Stranger Found Near Union.**

Special to The State  
Union, Oct. 1.—This morning an unknown man apparently about 28 years old was found unconscious beside the Southern railway tracks near the outskirts of town. His head is crushed in, whether by falling from a train or being clubbed is uncertain, though the fall is more likely. In his pockets were found several letters, one was addressed to Mrs. L. M. Trevitt, No. 107 Morietta street, Atlanta, Ga. Another from R. E. Eubanks, Columbia, dated Sept. 25, urging him to come immediately, as a good territory was being reserved for him in Columbia, while some business cards indicated that his name is L. M. Trevitt, representing the National Cleaning company. In a memorandum book was found these words: "My address is Abingdon, Va." Persons here say they saw Trevitt here yesterday, that he appeared to have been intoxicated, and that he bought a bottle of Jamaica ginger at a drug store, but when found physicians could detect no tumes of whiskey on him. His mysterious accident is unsolved still and his recovery is regarded as very doubtful.

**Shifting Engine Jumps Track and Kills Three.**

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 1.—A switch engine in the yards of the Louisville and Nashville railroad jumped the track at an early hour this morning and two men were instantly killed and a third died in the hospital a few hours later.

The three men who were killed were standing on the front running board of the switch engine which was going at a high rate of speed when suddenly the front wheels jumped the track. The front of the engine struck two cabooses on an adjacent track and rolled over on its side. The bodies of the men were terribly mangled.

**A Healthy Millionaire Takes His Own Life.**

New York, Sept. 29.—William R. Travers, millionaire, man of leisure, and son of the celebrated wit and Wall street operator, William R. Travers, committed suicide today by shooting himself through the head in his apartments on Madison avenue. The suicide is a mystery, Mr. Travers being in the prime of life, fair health and the possessor of a large fortune. Mr. Travers married Miss Lily Harriman, sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. The couple separated three years ago, Mrs. Travers going to Paris to live. He left several letters relating to his business, but nothing giving a clue to the cause of the deed.

**Important Notice.**

**To Subscribers of the Old Papers, as Well as to the Public Generally.**

For the next two or three weeks The Lancaster News will be sent to every subscriber on the mailing lists of the three old papers, the Ledger, Review and Enterprise. If perchance a name should be missed, please at once notify this office. It is the earnest desire of the management of this paper to induce all the subscribers of the old papers, as well as others, to become patrons of the Lancaster News. We shall not rest content until The News is made a welcome visitor in at least every home in Lancaster county.

Now please let us hear from you without delay, as we wish to make up our permanent subscription list as early as possible. A number of the old subscribers have already notified us to send them the new paper, but we want to hear from each and every one of you.

The price of The News has been fixed at \$1.50 a year—which you must admit is cheap, very cheap, for an eight page semi weekly, the only paper, too, now published at Lancaster. Our terms are cash in advance—the only terms upon which experience has demonstrated that a newspaper can be successfully run. Money is circulating freely now and it will be no hardship for any man to pay \$1.50 for a year's reading of the quantity and kind that will be furnished by The News.

Few people realize what an undertaking it is to publish a paper like The News. It is estimated that the publication of this paper will cost over \$1,000 a year; and, as our expenses have to be met monthly, it will be readily seen that the publishing company cannot afford to send out papers on a credit.

All subscribers to the old papers who have paid their subscriptions in advance will receive credit on their subscriptions to the new paper for the amount due them by the old publications. Persons desiring sample copies of The News can obtain same free of charge by applying to this office.

Henry Young, who shot and killed John H. Williamson at Hamlet, in February 1903, was recently tried and convicted of manslaughter. He was sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years.

"The non-union or loyalist" committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian church has sent an address to the union committee of the Northern Cumberland Presbyterian church in which it strongly opposes union of the two bodies.